(ख) क्या यह सुविधा दिए जाने की मांग कुछ विदेशी संस्थानों ने की थी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) क्या कुछ विदेशी संस्थानों को यह सुविधा दे कर विद्युत परियोजनाओं के निर्माण का दायित्व दिया गया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो ये संस्थान कौन-कौन से हैं और उनको निर्माण के लिए सौंपी गई परियोजनाएं कौन-कौन सी हैं ?

विद्युत और गैर पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Allotment of Space in Foreign Fairs

*220. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Trade Associations and Chamber of Commerce which are already having allotted space in foreign fairs will continue to be allowed collective participation of its members in view of their better contacts with their counterpart associations abroad and whose members are the real importers or promoters of the Indian goods ;

(b) whether they have to get clearance from EPC/Boards to obtain foreign exchange clearance from the RBI ; and

(c) whether they can apply directly to RBI for total exchange clearance for the collective participation to reduce the total cost of participation for individual companies and to reduce outflow of foreign exchange from the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Collective participation in fairs abroad by members of Trade Associations is allowed where no official agency like India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) etc. is organising any national level participation.

(b) and (c) As per Reserve Bank of India's latest guidelines, any blanket permit holder intending to participate in fairs/exhibitions abroad may approach the RBI directly for release of foreign exchange in accordance with their procedure. Any participant other than blanket permit holder whose participation expenditure per event is more than Rs. 2.00 lakhs, will have to approach India Trade Promotion Organisation (erstwhile TFAI) for their clearance before approaching Reserve Banking of India.

Litigation Cases of Air India and its Employees

1670. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 72 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 1992 and state :

(a) what are the details of litigation cases involving the Air India and its employees at present being contested by the Air India in the Bombay courts ;

(b) the estimated expenditure incurred by the Air India thereon so far ; and

(c) whether the Air India takes upon itself to incur expenditure on defending its ex-employees involved in the litigation also, if so, the reasons for carrying such burden in the context of the present day financial crunch ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The following cases are being contested by Air India in the Bombay Courts/Tribunals :—

(i) Writ petitions pending in Bombay High Court—39.

(ii) Complaint/applications pending before CGIT, ALC(C)—4.

(iii) References for adjudication before CGIT I & II at Bombay—7.

(iv) References before NIT—1

(v) Approval applications pending before CGIT—13.

(b) Approximately Rs. 9.56 lakhs over the period of last five years.

(c) No, Sir.

Filling up of Top Position in Air India

1671. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal for restructuring of top positions and reorganisation of Air India is still pending with Government ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the time when these positions will be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No specific proposal of Air India in this matter is pending with Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Harassment to SC/ST Employees in Air India

1672. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Managing Director of Air India has received a mass memorandum from its SC/ST employees on the 4th October, 1990 alleging harassment and discrimination ; and

(b) if so, what action has been initiated by Government on this memorandum ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Air India management held discussions with the Regional Secretary of the Air Corporation's SC/ST Employees Association and with persons who had represented.

A detailed reply, explaining the facts on the allegations made in the memorandum was also sent to the Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SC/ST in July, 1991.

Recruitment of Casual Labourers in Air India and Indian Airlines

1673. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) how many casual labourers are employed by Indian Airlines and Air India against regular vacancies in various airports in India ; and

(b) what is the procedure for recruitment of these casual labourers ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recruitment of Ex-servicemen in Indian Airlines

1674. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines follows directives with regard to reservations in recruitment of ex-servicemen in clerical and allied categories ;

(b) if so, whether the quota for the current year has been filled up ; and

(c) if not, what is the backlog and the reasons for not filling up the same ?